GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY ON PHOSPHATE AND POTASSIUM FERTILISERS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY;SHEELA GAUTAM

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to increase the subsidy onphosphate and potassium fertilizers to maintain a balance in the chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and the amount of increase likely to be effected; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S B MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal at present to revise the MRP ofdecontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers. Under the Concession Scheme for decontrolled fertilizers, the actual subsidy, which is the difference between the estimated cost of production / imports and the MRPs indicated for decontrolled fertilizers, depends inter alia on the prices of raw materials,as well as exchange rate fluctuations. For decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, the Budget Estimates for subsidy under the Concession Scheme for 2001-02 is Rs. 5414 crore as compared to Budget Estimates of Rs. 4093 crore for 2000-01.